

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of) **MAIL STOP AMENDMENT**
Koki Nakamura) Group Art Unit: 1621
Application No.: 10/594,430) Examiner: Sudhakar Katakam
Filed: September 26, 2006) Confirmation No.: 2931
For: DENDRON AND DENDRIMER,)
METHOD OF PRODUCING THE SAME,)
AND METHOD OF PRODUCING A)
THIOACETAL COMPOUND)

**RESPONSE TO UNITY OF INVENTION AND ELECTION OF SPECIES
REQUIREMENTS**

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

In response to the unity of invention requirement set forth in the Official Action dated January 14, 2010, applicant hereby elects the subject matter of Group I which currently includes claims 1-14. This election is made without traverse and applicant reserves the right to file a divisional application relating to the non-elected subject matter.

With respect to the election of species requirement, applicant hereby elects the species designated compound NBD-4 illustrated at the top of page 38 of the specification. This structure is understood to be a dendron and the claims reading on the species are claims 1-7. This election is made without traverse with the understanding that applicant will be entitled to further species in the event that a generic claim is found allowable.

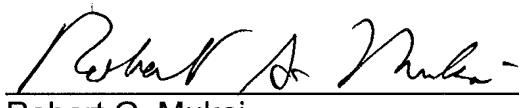
Favorable consideration on the merits is requested.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800.

Respectfully submitted,

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